## S. 1717

To provide for a payroll tax holiday.

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16, 2001

Mr. Domenici (for himself, Mr. Bond, and Mr. Frist) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY.
- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
- 5 sion of law, the rate of tax with respect to remuneration
- 6 received during the payroll tax holiday period shall be zero
- 7 under sections 1401(a), 3101(a), and 3111(a) of the In-
- 8 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 and for purposes of deter-
- 9 mining the applicable percentage under section 3201(a),
- 10 3211(a)(1), and 3221(a) of such Code.
- 11 (b) PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY PERIOD.—The term
- 12 "payroll tax holiday period" means the period beginning

- 1 after November 30, 2001, and ending before January 1,
- 2 2002.
- 3 (c) EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of the
- 4 Treasury shall notify employers of the payroll tax holiday
- 5 period in any manner the Secretary deems appropriate.
- 6 (d) Transfer of Funds.—The Secretary of the
- 7 Treasury shall transfer from the general revenues of the
- 8 Federal Government an amount sufficient so as to ensure
- 9 that the income and balances of the trust funds under sec-
- 10 tion 201 of the Social Security Act and the Social Security
- 11 Equivalent Benefit Account under section 15A of the Rail-
- 12 road Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231n-1) are not
- 13 reduced as a result of the application of subsection (a).
- 14 (e) Determination of Benefits.—In making any
- 15 determination of benefits under title II of the Social Secu-
- 16 rity Act, the Commissioner of Social Security shall dis-
- 17 regard the effect of the payroll tax holiday period on any
- 18 individual's earnings record.

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